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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, RP, US (WIDEMAN, BERNARD)

SUBJECT: GOP EXCLUSION OF BERNARD WIDEMAN

REFS: A. MANILA 2425, B. MANILA 2392, C. MANILA 2405

1. ACTING ASST SEC GLEYSTEN CALLED PHIL CHARGE BELISARIO
TO DEPT FEB 17 TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN AT PROPOSED
EXCLUSION OF WIDEMAN. GLEYSTEN MADE SAME POINTS LEE
MADE TO TATAD, PLUS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL:

A. AMERICAN PUBLIC WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN UNDER-
STANDING WHAT IS CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE IN AN ACCREDITED
NEWSMAN BEING PRESENT AT PUBLIC POLITICAL RALLIES WHICH
GOP PERMITTED TO OCCUR, AS THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE
LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY BY A REPUTABLE AND REGULAR CORRES-
PONDENT.

B. AMERICAN PUBLIC WOULD ALSO HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDER-
STANDING WHY, IF CITED WIDEMAN REPORTS ARE CONSIDERED SO
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OFFENSIVE, GOP WAITED MINIMUM OF TEN MONTHS AND IN SOME
CASES OVER TWO YEARS TO TAKE ACTION.

2. BELISARIO INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION TO
MANILA SOONEST, NOTING EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED LETTERS ON
MATTER FROM BOTH BRADLEE AND ABC NEWS.

3. RE BRADLEE LETTER, WASHINGTON POST HAS PROVIDED COPY OF LETTER TO ROMUALDEZ DATED FEB 15, SUBSTANCE OF WHICH SAID TO HAVE BEEN CABLED TO WIDEMAN. LETTER STATES POST HAS RECEIVED NO CRITICISM OF SUBSTANCE ON WIDEMAN ARTICLES IN POST, EXPRESSES POST VIEW IT IMPORTANT FOR NATION'S CAPITAL READERS TO CONTINUE RECEIVE QUALITY OF COVERAGE ON PHILIPPINES THAT WIDEMAN HAS PROVIDED TO POST, AND "EARNESTLY REQUESTS" ROMUALDEZ TO ADVISE GOP OF POST'S CONCERN AND DO WHAT HE CAN TO CONVINCE GOP TO PERMIT WIDEMAN REMAIN IN PHILIPPINES.
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